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Salesman Is Freed Of Federal Charge

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MIAMI, Fla. (AP) — A car salesman has been acquitted of a felony charge of impersonating an agent of the Central Intelligence Agency.

U.S. District Judge Emmett C.

Choate Friday signed an order granting a motion for a directed verdict of acquittal for Jack Leahy, 37, of 2101 N.E. 17th Ave., who was arrested at Miami International Airport by FBI agents in November.

Counsel for Leahy moved for a directed verdict after the government rested its case Thursday in a two-hour non-jury trial before Judge Choate.

The court ruled Asst. U.S. Atty. Lloyd Bales had failed to introduce sufficient evidence to prove Leahy identified himself as a CIA agent when he attempted to purchase a plane ticket to San Francisco from a National Airlines agent, offering an alleged \$299 worthless counter check in payment.

Leahy, who has been free on a \$1,000 bond, did not take the witness stand.

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